



TOWN OF NEWINGTON

1485 Main Street Newington, Connecticut 06111

Newington Volunteer Fire Department

MINUTES

Board of Fire Commissioners

Special Meeting

September 9, 2010

Fire Company #4

West Hill Road

Newington, CT 06111

7:30pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35pm

Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ATTENDANCE

Commissioner's Seiler, Stoddard & Bogacz

Chief Chris Schroeder
Deputy Chief Tom Gill-Excused
Deputy Chief Frank Papa-Excused
Deputy Chief Vic Depamphilis
Fmr. Comm. Kevin Ziegler
Capt. Jeff Fago

Asst. Chief Tom Lapierre
Gary Jameson
Captain Ron Felton
Dick Brown
Tomasz Klimek
Lt. Mike Iskra

Town Councilor David Nagel

III. Public Participation

Councilor Dave Nagel was present and told us there was nothing to report at this time. The Chairman thanked him for his continued support and regular attendance.

IV. Communications

A thank you letter from Wethersfield Fire was the only addition otherwise the minutes were accepted as read.

V. Ledger Status

The Commissioner's reviewed the Ledger Status Report and reported that it was on track for the year to date.

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VI. OLD BUSINESS

Massapequa Weekend: Bus will leave Friday noon on the 24th of September and return on Sunday the 27th. Two vans are being provided for the transportation.

Capt. Felton stated that the bucket for Massapequa has been completed and is drying. It will be shipped next week.

The Captain's Project: Capitol Region has hired Consultant Peter Sullivan from the Advantac Group. The modems will be activated soon. The progress is slow but there's progress. Computers are on the Rescue and the Engine1.

Commissioner Stoddard had a meeting last week and it went very well. Cory Lachance is the secretary. He will have all the notes for the meeting on the 22nd of September. Originally the committee wanted everything completed by October but Commissioner Stoddard will not be available for the meeting. The committee will meet in November to finalize their work.

Commissioner Stoddard noted there wasn't a member of the committee from Company #4 and asked the Captain to appoint one.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Bogacz announced that plans for the 3rd Annual " Blessing of the Badges" are underway and Father Dennis is checking the church calendar to determine the date. This year strong emphasis is being placed on both the EMS and Police Department to actively participate, along with the general public, in this special event.

Captain Ron Felton reminded the group that this year will 9/11 being on a Saturday. Preceding the ceremony there will be a breakfast, consisting of juice, coffee, egg sandwiches. Anyone wishing to assist can arrive after 6:30am. Lt. Jeremy Almarode, also a Chaplin in the Department, will be participating in the mornings events. Chief Schroeder stated that it will be a Class A/Class B dress.

Department Picnic on October 9th. Arrangements are underway. Deputy Chief Depamphilis told the group that the Firefighter I/II is underway. We have ten department members attending the class. Chief Depamphilis explained that this class alone is costing \$ 7,400 which is a large chunk out of the Training Budget. His ultimate goal is to have everyone certified.

Assistant Chief Lapierre stated that the resignation process, when it occurs, has gone smoothly. Captains are promptly notified, equipment is returned in a timely manner.

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VIII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Chief Schroeder stated a great job was done with the handling of the Churchill Drive Fire. Under the command of Asst. Chief Lapierre and the other chief officers, the men of the department handled the situation extremely well. Chief Schroeder commented on that it was one of the best run fires he's seen in a long time.

Commissioner Seiler offered his congratulations and noted property damage was considerably reduced due to the high efficiency level demonstrated by the department. Chief Schroeder stated many agencies are involved in the investigation and determination of the cause. It will be a long process and quite awhile before anyone can live there again. Unfortunately the tenant lost everything.

The Chief received a call from Tim Brown a former member whose mother lives in the complex. Tim wanted to thank everyone involved for the terrific job they did and he was very grateful.

The previous weekend Lt. Lundin and friends hosted a "Fill the Boot" Drive resulting in a collection of over \$ 7,000. This was collected at four locations in a five hours period of time. Great Job.

IX. COMMISSIONER'S REMARKS

Commissioner Stoddard spoke of the great job the department did on the Churchill Drive incident. He told the group that he feels the department is going in the right direction and he is proud to be a member.

Commissioner Bogacz was impressed with the Turnpike Motors drill.

Commissioner Seiler echoed the sentiments all who spoke well of the department's performance at Churchill Drive. He commented that we have the best department in the state.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Submitted By: _____
Sue Reniewicz – Board Secretary

